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REMARKS

SOURCE

5X1 1. [redacted] on 15 January 1952, 8 single-engine planes, possibly IL-10s, 8 jet bombers, and about 21 twin-engine bombers were observed parked in front of the hangars of "instervalde airfield. At 5X1 [redacted] jet plane taxied from the apron in front of the hangars to the east end of the runway where a box-like truck with a cupola-shaped superstructure and a sedan were already parked. The plane took off at 5X1 [redacted] It was airborne after a take-off run of half the distance of the runway. It extended its landing gear, circled over the field once, and landed after 6 minutes. Then, the plane taxied to the dispersal area in front of the hangars. Two other jet bombers practiced flying between

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5X1 2. [redacted]
18 January, the field was occupied by 8 single-engine planes, 4 type 27 and type 30 jet bombers, 18 Pe-2s, and about 5 B-25s. There was a good visibility and an almost cloudless sky. [redacted] jet aircraft and conventional planes continually flew over the field. [redacted] and [redacted] B-25s and type 27 and 30 jet bombers circled individually over the field. Flying was also practiced [redacted] but no details could be observed. [redacted] two jet aircraft one after the other flew over the field from east to west at an altitude of about 300 meters. [redacted]

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[redacted] Plane [redacted]
[redacted] and plane [redacted] landed a few seconds afterwards. At 25X1
[redacted] plane [redacted] took off and flew for six minutes. Source observed at
[redacted] a jet plane [redacted] landed at the field. This
p [redacted] Plane [redacted]
again flew over the field [redacted] Flying was then discon- 25X1
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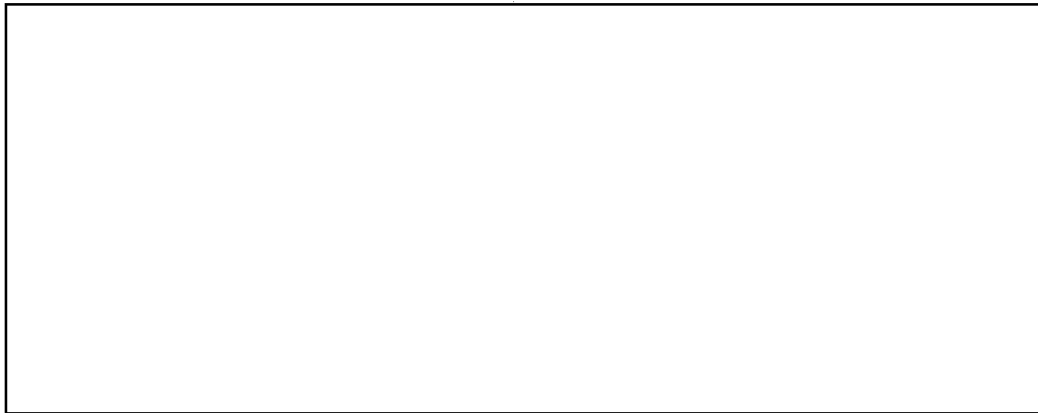
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4. A railroad man said that 10 railroad tank cars with fuel were shunted to the field on 14 January. The tank cars allegedly remained at the field for three days because the fuel containers had to be emptied and cleaned before being refilled. **

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* [] Comment. The report confirms the occupation of Finsterwalde airfield as reported by another source in January 1952. []

[] The information on flying by jet bombers and B-25s and the arrival of fuel shipments for jet bombers confirm that the two bomber regiments in Finsterwalde are being reequipped. The number of type-27 and type-30 jet bombers observed at the field varies between 8 and 10. According to previous information, most of the Pe-2s of the regiments are parked in the hangars so that sources could not observe the exact number of aircraft of the two units. According to another source, each regiment appears to be equipped with about 40 planes. The aircraft [] were observed by another source, []

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** [] Comment. This information confirms a previous report, according to which railroad tank cars were shipped from Riesa fuel depot to the 10 ground units of the two regiments in Finsterwalde on 14 January 1952.

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